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SUBJECT: CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT OF LUBINGA, OGWAL AND
MRS. HOPE

REF: STATE 21918 (PARA 4)

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED MESSAGE BELOW AND ACCOMPANYING
DOCUMENTS FROM FRG EMBASSY KAMPALA VIA FONOFF, WITH THE
REQUEST THAT IT BE PASSED ON TO DEPARTMENT PROMPTLY.
WE ARE AIR POUCHING DOCUMENTS.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

IN ITS MESSAGE (REFTEL) THE STATE DEPARTMENT DESIRES TO
CONTINUE THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE UGANDANS LUBINGA, OGWAL
AND MRS. HOPE. THIS EMBASSY, HOWEVER, WANTS TO EXPRESS
ITS OBJECTIONS WHEN REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AS AT LEAST LUBINGA AND
OGWAL ARE SUSPECTED TO HAVE DEFRAUDED THE EMBASSY.
MESSRS. AFRO CARGO WHO EXECUTED SEVERAL IMPORTANT
SHIPPING ORDERS ON BEHALF OF THE FORMER US EMBASSY HAVE
IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS PRESENTED INVOICES THE AMOUNTS
OF WHICH SEEMED TO BE EXTREMELY HIGH. THESE INVOICES,
HOWEVER, HAVE BEEN PAID, AS THEY WERE VERIFIED AND FOUND
CORRECT BY LUBINGA.

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IN THE BEGINNING OF MARCH, CASHIER LUBINGA PRESENTED

TO THE EMBASSY AN INVOICE OF MESSRS. CONTINENTAL DECORATORS LTD. (FIRM WHICH EXECUTES DIFFERENT KINDS OF REPAIRS) COPY OF WHICH IS ENCLOSED. AFTER LUBINGA'S CONFIRMATION THAT ALL WORK HAD BEEN DONE CORRECTLY, THE EMBASSY PAID THE AMOUNT OF US\$ 25,750.00 TO LUBINGA WHO HANDED THIS SUM OVER TO THE BOOKKEEPER OF MESSRS. CONTINENTAL DECORATORS LTD. - SOME DAYS LATER THE OWNER OF MESSRS. CONTINENTAL DECORATORS LTD., MR. ANGELI, CALLED ON THE EMBASSY TO COLLECT THE AMOUNT OF US\$ 15,750.00 FOR WHICH THE INVOICE HAD BEEN BROUGHT BY HIS BOOKKEEPER A FORTNIGHT AGO. HOWEVER, THIS INVOICE HAS NEVER BEEN PRESENTED TO THIS EMBASSY. THE EMBASSY IMAGINES THAT IT WAS STOPPED EITHER BY LUBINGA OR OGWAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BOOKKEEPER OF MESSRS. CONTINENTAL DECORATORS LTD. AND A NEW ONE HAS BEEN ISSUED IN THE AMOUNT OF US\$ 25,750.00. MR. ANGELI DID NOT RECEIVE THE SUM OF US\$ 25,750.00. IT CAN ONLY BE SUPPOSED THAT THE PARTICIPANTS HAVE SHARED THE AMOUNT OF US\$ 25,750.00. ON 22ND MARCH 1974 THE EMBASSY AND MR. ANGELI MADE A STATEMENT TO THE POLICE. WHEN THE BOOKKEEPER WAS ASKED TO COME FOR A STATEMENT AT THE POLICE STATION, IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND HIM ANYWHERE. SINCE THAT TIME HE HAS DISAPPEARED. LUBINGA STRICTLY REFUSED TO BE IN THE MATTER WHEN ASKED BY THE POLICE AND THE EMBASSY. AS SHOWN BY EXPERIENCE, THE INVESTIGATIONS OF THE POLICE WILL NOT COME TO ANY RESULT. THE EMBASSY IS NEARLY SURE THAT THE PARTICIPATION OF LUBINGA AND PERHAPS ALSO OGWAL MUST BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF FACT. THE EMBASSY HAS NO LONGER CONFIDENCE IN THEM AND PROPOSES TO END THE EMPLOYMENT OF BOTH. IT IS TO BE DECIDED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT WHETHER ANY SEVERANCE PAY WILL BE GRANTED. THE EMBASSY SEES NO FURTHER OCCUPATION FOR MRS. HOPE. IN CASE SHE IS TO BE EMPLOYED FURTHER ON, THE EMBASSY, HOWEVER, HAS NO OBJECTIONS. WHEN DISMISSING LUBINGA AND OGWAL, A NEW OFFICE-CLEANER HAS TO BE ENGAGED.

ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND SEVERAL INVOICES OF MESSRS. AFRO CARGO. PLEASE CHECK THEM, AS THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THE EMBASSY. YOU ARE KINDLY REQUESTED TO RETURN THEM
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WITH THE RESPECTIVE PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. ALSO ALL OTHER INVOICES WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN PAID BY THE EMBASSY AND WHICH WILL BE SENT WITH THE QUARTERLY ACCOUNTING ARE TO BE CHECKED CAREFULLY. PLEASE COMMUNICATE YOUR RESULT, EVEN IF IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO GET ANY OVERPAYMENTS REFUNDED. END TEXT.
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